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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified paters  $\stackrel{\sim}{\square}$ 

application as follows.

In The Claims

Cancel claims 1 to 11.

Add the following new claims 12 to 21.

--12. (New) A method of depositing a metal having corrosion resistance on a separator for a fuel cell, the method comprising the steps of projecting to a separator of a unit cell for forming the fuel cell, the separator being made of a metallic material with a passivation film on the surface, a solid plating material comprised of core particles having a higher hardness than the separator and

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment/Response in the above-identified patent application.

No additional fee is required. [X]

The fee has been calculated as shown below. OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY SMALL ENTITY ADDIT. HIGHEST NO. RATE ADDIT. OR RATE CLAIMS FEE PREVIOUSLY PRESENT FEE REMAINING PAID FOR AFTER **EXTRA** AMENDMENT 0.00 \$ x18 =10 MINUS 20 x6= TOTAL 0.00 x18= x78 = Ś 1 MINUS 3 n 0.00 [ ]FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE x60= x280 =TOTAL DEP. CLAIM OR 0.00 ADDIT. FEE

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR [X] 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required to Deposit Account 11-0600. duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

A petition for a \_\_\_\_ (\_\_) month extension of time and Deposit [\_] Account authorization to cover the extension fee are enclosed.

Information Disclosure Statement and Deposit Account [ ] authorization.

Respectfully submitted,

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